

Marina Design Guidelines - Task Force Meeting #5

MEETING AGENDA

At Burton W. Chace Park: Boat House

March 17, 2008

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- Welcome
- Review Work to Date
- Present Draft Design Guidelines and Gather Feedback
- Next Steps

MEETING NOTES

A. General Items

1. Each member of the Task Force received a packet containing maps of Gateways and Landmarks, Streetscapes, Marina Walk and Parks and Piers. Task Force members also received the Site and Building section.
2. Task Force members proposed to reserve the next half-hour of the meeting to discuss concerns about 1) how their comments would be incorporated into the document and 2) the process of developing the guidelines seems to be moving too quickly.

B. Design Guidelines Chapter Five: Site and Buildings

1. Commercial: Site Design – Discussion included: view corridors between buildings. One suggestion included writing language that indicated a performance standard tied to a minimum requirement. Discussion also included buildings have two front doors: street and waterfront.
2. Commercial: Site Entries – Discussion included: that the treatment of site entries is not an issue and the proposed guidelines page should be removed from the Commercial and Residential sections.
3. Commercial: Courtyards and Plazas – Discussion included: waterfront sites should be considered differently than landside site, courtyards are impractical in marine commercial site and a distinction should be made between marine commercial and visitor serving commercial.
4. Commercial: Parking – Discussion included: parking is already regulated in Section 22, noise from parking area and adjacent residential uses should be considered, fencing in and around parking should be reduced or eliminated and paving areas should include permeable paving. Discussion also included adding language such as “to the extent feasible ...” as an encouragement to developers to surpass the existing standards.
5. Commercial: Landscaping – Discussion included: the design of areas should deter skateboarding, lighting should balance safety with preservation of the night sky, dramatic lighting or festive lighting for banners should be turned off after hours of 11:00 p.m., car alarm in parking structures is a noise concern.
6. Commercial: Building Character – Discussion included: Massing and Scale. Service and Utilities was not discussed due to lack of time.

7. Residential guidelines were not discussed due to lack of time.

C. Maps

1. Streetscape: map – not discussed.
2. Marina Walk: map – Discussion included: walkway at marina commercial was impractical, walkway through boat ramp parking area was a safety concern and walkway from Chace Park should be connected to bike and multi-use path at Admiralty then should cross Fiji at an intersection and continue along south side of Fiji Way.
3. Gateways and Landmarks: map – not discussed.

D. Task Force Concerns

1. Task Force Member Concerns – Discussion included: how comments would be used by RRM, RRM's role in gathering information from Task Force and RRM's role in making design guidelines recommendation to DCB and DBH. Discussion also included process was moving too fast and members didn't have enough time to carefully consider guidelines. Task Force members all agreed that they would be agreeable for additional meetings as needed.

E. Reference Images

1. RRM collected reference images from Task Force members of Santa Barbara, Playa Vista and railings.

F. Design Competition

1. Peter Finney passed out important information on a design competition and proposed projects in Marina del Rey might be awarded through a design competition similar to the Palos Verdes Art Center.

G. Next Steps

1. Task Force member comments on the Site and Building chapter due to RRM on March 24, 2008.
2. Task Force meeting #6 will be on April 24th at 1:00 p.m. in the Boat House.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.